



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
210 Walnut Street, Room 693  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2180

January 16, 2009

IOWA BULLETIN NO. IA300-9-2

SUBJECT: LTP – CERTIFICATION OF NATIONAL AUDIT - CSP

DEADLINE BY FIELD OFFICES: JANUARY 30, 2009

DEADLINE BY AREA OFFICES: FEBRUARY 6, 2009

PURPOSE. To notify district conservationists (DC) of certification required for the National Audit.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2010

On November 13, 2008, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) released the Audit Report on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Financial Statements for FY08 (OIG No. 10401-2-FM). As a result of the audit findings, NRCS has developed and is implementing an aggressive Corrective Action Plan (CAP). A Quality Assurance Study is being conducted as part of this CAP. The study includes site visits. Site selection was based on the number of obligations, types of obligations and amounts of outstanding obligations, as well as results from the audit.

No later than close of business on January 30, 2009, State Conservationists will certify in writing to the Regional Assistant Chief that all 2008 open obligations for CSP have been reviewed and attested.

Attached is the District Conservationist Statement of Financial Certification for each DCs signature. The certification should be sent to your Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations by the close of business Friday, January 30, 2009. The ASTC-FOs will provide the certifications to me by the close of business Friday, February 6, 2009.

/s/Richard Sims  
State Conservationist

Attachment

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District Conservationist  
Statement of Financial Certification

TO: Richard Sims, State Conservationist, Iowa

SUBJECT: Statement of Certification for Open Obligation Determination

I have completed an open obligation summary of transaction code CSP-MG in the review of open obligations tool (ROOT) and provided oversight to the processes used to record and review for our reporting entity. During our review, we made reasonable inquiries of the program, management, and financial staff, and we considered appropriate supporting information necessary to justify this certification. To the best of our knowledge, we attest that the check list and open obligation determinations are complete, accurate, and reliable.

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District Conservationist Name/Signature

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Date